

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in the present application. Claim 18 is merely objected to. Claims 1-17 have been rejected. Applicants have cancelled claims 1-17, without prejudice, and added claims 19-37.

Applicants would like to gratefully acknowledge the indication by the Examiner that claim 18 recites patentable subject matter.

As the record indicates, claim 18 has been previously allowed. In the Office Action mailed November 26, 2007, claim 18 is merely objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the claim objections. However, the Office Action does not recite any claim objections. Nevertheless, Applicants have amended claim 18 to correct informalities noted by Applicants. It is therefore respectfully submitted that claim 18 is in condition for allowance.

In view of the Examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter, Applicants have added claims 19-37. It is believed that claims 19-37 are in condition for allowance.

In order to expedite the prosecution of the present application and the issuance of claims, Applicants have cancelled, without prejudice, claims 1-17. Applicants respectfully reserves the right to prosecute the cancelled subject matter, without prejudice, in a continuing or related application. Applicants do not necessarily agree or disagree with the Examiner's characterization of the documents made of record, either alone or in combination, or the Examiner's characterization of recited claim elements. Furthermore, Applicants respectfully reserve the right to argue the characterization of the documents of record, either alone or in combination, to argue what is allegedly well known, allegedly obvious or allegedly disclosed, or the characterization of the recited claim elements should that need arise in the future.

With respect to the present application, Applicants hereby rescind any disclaimer of claim scope made in the parent application or any predecessor or related application. The Examiner is advised that any previous disclaimer of claim scope, if any, and the alleged prior art that it was made to allegedly avoid, may need to be revisited. Nor should a disclaimer of claim scope, if any, in the present application be read back into any predecessor or related application.

In view of at least the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should anything remain in order to place the present application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, to charge any fee deficiencies or to credit any overpayments to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

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